

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATIONS

Art Unit: 1774 (Examiner Dixon, Merrick)  
Applicant: Roth, Douglas  
Serial No: 09/930,515  
Filed: August 15, 2001  
Title: NONWOVEN BLEND WITH ELECTRET FIBER

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003 concerning the above identified application, kindly consider the following remarks:

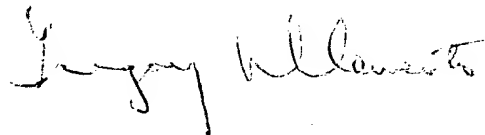
REMARKS

A Notice of Abandonment was received in the above-identified application for "failing to respond to the June 16, 2003 Office Action". According to our records, this Office Action was actually dated June 19, 2003.

The Office Action dated June 19, 2003 (copy attached) was responded to on September 15, 2003. Copies of the Response as well as dated postcard receipt are also enclosed. Accordingly applicant properly and timely responded to the Office Action of June 19, and therefore the Notice of Abandonment is premature.

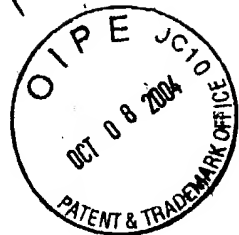
In view of this information, it is respectfully requested that the Notice of Abandonment be rescinded, and it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and such is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully,



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Copy of Transmittal Form SB21 dated 9/15/2003  
Copy of Response/Amendment dated 9/15/2003 – 7 pages  
Copy of Return Receipt Postcard (date stamped 9/17/2003)

Copy of Transmittal Form SB21 dated 1/9/2004  
Copy of Response to Notice of Abandonment dated 1/9/2004  
Copy of Cover Sheet from Office Action – date mailed 06/19/2003  
Copy of Return Receipt Postcard (date stamped 1/12/2004)

Transmittal Form SB21 dated 10/8/2004  
Remarks/Response dated 10/8/2004  
Return receipt postcard  
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I, Nancy Burns, do hereby certify that the foregoing or attached documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on October 8, 2004.

  
Name: Nancy Burns

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